

Slavery in Virginia: A Selected Bibliography

About the latter end of August [1619], a Dutch man of Warr of the burden of a 160 tunes arriued at Point-Comfort, the Comandor name Capt Jope, his Pilott for the West Indies one Mr Marmaduke an Englishman. They mett wth the Trer in the West Indyees, and determyned to hold consort shipp hetherward, but in their passage lost one the other. He brought not any thing but 20. and odd Negroes, wth the Governor and Cape Marchant bought for vietualle (whereof he was in greate need as he ptended) at the best and easyest rate they could. He hadd a largge and ample Comysion from his Excellency to range and to take purchase in the West Indyees.

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OVERVIEW

Throughout much of Virginia's early history until the Civil War, slavery was a major feature of life. Although the legal importing of slaves "by sea or land" may have stopped in 1778, the institution of slavery thrived in Virginia. Edmund S. Morgan, in his article "Slavery and Freedom: The American Paradox" (*Journal of American History*, June, 1972), concluded that, rather than a conscious decision, slavery automatically developed because "Virginians bought the cheapest labor they could get." As slaves became an increasingly larger part of society, Virginia began codifying the status of slaves in the 1600s. Commenting on this feature in *Southern Slavery and the Law, 1619–1860*, Thomas D. Morris states that "the origins of Southern laws on slavery lie deep in seventeenth-century Virginia."

Census figures show that, while slaves in other states may have composed a larger percentage of the total population, Virginia always had the largest total number of slaves. According to *The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: A Database on CD-ROM*, a compact disc with the records of 27,233 trans-Atlantic slave ship voyages, 84,247 slaves disembarked in Virginia between 1650 and 1775. The *Macmillan Encyclopedia of World Slavery* gives a figure of 950 slaves in Virginia in 1660, growing to 140,470 by 1760.

With slavery playing such a prominent role, the examination of its history in the state facilitates a greater understanding of Virginia's past. The following is an attempt to aid in that understanding by providing a select list of data and resources, showing material about both the slave trade and slavery.

Census Figures (top five slaveholding states)

Historical Census Browser from the University of Virginia, Geospatial and Statistical Data Center: <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/index.html>

<u>State</u>	<u>Slaves</u>	<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Slaves as % of Total Population</u>	<u>Ranking by % Slaves</u>
1790				
VIRGINIA	292,627	747,550	39.14	2
SOUTH CAROLINA	107,094	249,073	43.00	1
MARYLAND	103,036	319,728	32.23	4
NORTH CAROLINA	100,783	395,005	25.51	5
GEORGIA	29,264	82,548	35.45	3
1800				
VIRGINIA	346,671	885,171	39.16	2
SOUTH CAROLINA	146,151	345,591	42.29	1
NORTH CAROLINA	133,296	478,103	27.88	5
MARYLAND	105,635	341,543	30.93	4
GEORGIA	59,699	162,686	36.70	3
1810				
VIRGINIA	392,518	974,622	40.27	3
SOUTH CAROLINA	196,365	415,115	47.30	1
NORTH CAROLINA	168,824	555,500	30.39	4

<u>State</u>	<u>Slaves</u>	<u>Total Population</u>	<u>Slaves as % of Total Population</u>	<u>Ranking by % Slaves</u>
1810 (cont.)				
MARYLAND	111,502	380,546	29.30	5
GEORGIA	105,218	252,433	41.68	2
1820				
VIRGINIA	425,153	1,065,379	39.91	5
SOUTH CAROLINA	251,783	490,309	51.35	1
NORTH CAROLINA	205,017	638,829	32.09	7
GEORGIA	149,656	340,989	43.89	3
KENTUCKY	126,732	564,317	22.46	9
1830				
VIRGINIA	469,757	1,211,405	38.78	5
SOUTH CAROLINA	315,401	581,185	54.27	1
NORTH CAROLINA	245,601	737,987	33.28	7
GEORGIA	217,531	516,823	42.09	4
KENTUCKY	165,213	687,917	24.02	8
1840				
VIRGINIA	449,087	1,239,797	36.22	7
SOUTH CAROLINA	327,038	594,398	55.02	1
GEORGIA	280,944	691,392	40.63	6
ALABAMA	253,532	590,756	42.92	5
NORTH CAROLINA	245,817	753,419	32.63	8
1850				
VIRGINIA	472,528	1,421,661	33.24	7
SOUTH CAROLINA	384,984	668,507	57.59	1
GEORGIA	381,682	906,185	42.12	6
ALABAMA	342,844	771,623	44.43	5
MISSISSIPPI	309,878	606,526	51.09	2
1860				
VIRGINIA	490,865	1,596,318	30.75	8
GEORGIA	462,198	1,057,286	43.72	6
MISSISSIPPI	436,631	791,305	55.18	2
ALABAMA	435,080	964,201	45.12	4
SOUTH CAROLINA	402,406	703,708	57.18	1

Notable Virginians Born as Slaves

Garraty, John A., and Mark C. Carnes, eds. *American National Biography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999. E176 A472 1999

Brooks, Walter Henderson (30 August 1851–6 July 1945), clergyman, temperance leader, and poet, was born in Richmond, Virginia, the son of Albert Royal Brooks and Lucy Goode, slaves. In 1866, Brooks began studies at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and, after obtaining college and theological degrees in 1873, returned to Virginia. He worked as a Sunday school missionary with the American Baptist Publication Society and in 1877 became pastor of the Second African Baptist Church of Richmond. By 1875, he was nationally known as a temperance advocate. Later, Brooks helped start the Virginia Historical and Literary Society and was a trustee of the Virginia Theological Seminary and College in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Jasper, John (4 July 1812–30 March 1901), Baptist preacher and orator, was born in Fluvanna County, Virginia, the son of slave parents, Philip Jasper, a slave preacher, and Nina, head servant of the Peachy family. While a slave, Jasper was an active and dynamic orator in the First African Baptist Church of Richmond, gaining widespread public acclaim from his “The Sun Do Move” sermon. Immediately after the Civil War, Jasper ran the Third Baptist Church of Petersburg. He then returned to Richmond, and in 1867 helped organize what was to become the Sixth Mount Zion Baptist church.

Jefferson, Isaac (December 1775–c. 1850), enslaved blacksmith, was born at Monticello in Virginia, the son of George, a foreman and overseer, and Ursula, a pastry cook and laundress. Jefferson's reminiscences were recorded by Charles Campbell and later published in 1951 as *Memoirs of a Monticello Slave, as Dictated to Charles Campbell in the 1840's by Isaac, One of Thomas Jefferson's Slaves*. Many value it as a detailed depiction of slave life in Virginia.

Mitchell, John, Jr. (11 July 1863–3 December 1929), newspaper editor and banker, was born near Richmond, Virginia, on the estate of James Lyons, where his parents, John Mitchell and Rebecca (maiden name unknown), were house slaves. As editor of the African American newspaper *Richmond Planet* for forty-five years, Mitchell modernized the publication and helped make it a relatively profitable company. While at the newspaper, he vigorously campaigned against racial discrimination, often ignoring death threats. Mitchell was also active in Virginia's Republican party, serving as a member of the Richmond City Council from Jackson Ward. He later turned his talents towards economic development, founding the Mechanics Savings Bank in 1902.

Russell, James Solomon (20 December 1857–28 March 1935), educator and priest, was born on the Hendrick Estate in Mecklenburg County near Palmer Springs, Virginia. His father, Solomon, and his mother, Araminta (maiden name unknown), lived as slaves on adjoining properties, with the North Carolina state line between them. He attended the Bishop Payne Divinity School in Petersburg, Virginia, and was later tutored by the Reverend Giles Buckner Cooke. In 1882, Russell became an ordained deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and an active speaker. In 1888, Russell opened Saint Paul's Normal and Industrial School in Lawrenceville, Virginia.

SLAVE TRADE

General

Deyle, Steven. *Carry Me Back: The Domestic Slave Trade in American Life*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. E449 D525 2005

Deyle has written a study of the informal and organized commerce of trading in slaves born in America, focusing on the movement of slaves between the Upper South and the Lower South.

Gudmestad, Robert H. *A Troublesome Commerce: The Transformation of the Interstate Slave Trade*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2003. E442 G83 2003

The author examines southerners' changes in perception towards the slave trade, slave speculators, and slavery in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

Rawley, James A., with Stephen D. Behrendt. *The Transatlantic Slave Trade: A History*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2005. HT985 R38 2005

This text of this revised edition of Rawley's 1981 publication reflects changes in historical interpretations of the slave trade. Added are current data tables and a select bibliography.

Tadman, Michael. *Speculators and Slaves: Masters, Traders, and Slaves in the Old South*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1989. E442 T33 1989

Using such sources as census records, coastal manifests, and court records, Tadman concludes that slave trading was central to the institution of slavery in the antebellum South. Table A6.3 in Appendix 6 shows Richmond slave prices gathered from trade circulars and reports.

Thomas, Hugh. *The Slave Trade: The Story of the Atlantic Slave Trade, 1440–1870*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1997. HT985 T47 1997

Thomas has written a detailed single-volume study of the entire Atlantic slave trade that includes the participation of the English, Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch, Africans, and North Americans.

The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: A Database on CD-ROM. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 1999. T1322 T74 1999
This database contains information about 27,233 slave ship voyages made between 1527 and 1866, including where slaves disembarked (between 1650 and 1775, 84,247 slaves disembarked in Virginia); the number of slaves disembarked; the names of ships and their captains; the port of departure; and the year of departure. Accompanying the database is a printed manual with an introduction edited by David Eltis, Stephen D. Behrendt, David Richardson, and Herbert S. Klein.

Virginia

Bancroft, Frederic. *Slave Trading in the Old South*. Baltimore: J. H. Furst, 1931. Reprinted with a new introduction by Michael Tadman. Columbia, S.C.: University of South Carolina Press, 1996. E442 B21 1996

First published in 1931, this work is part of the Southern Classics Series of the Institute for Southern Studies and the South Caroliniana Society of the University of South Carolina that “returns to general circulation books of importance dealing with the history and culture of the American South.” It includes a chapter about Virginia and the Richmond slave market.

Chambers, Douglas B. “**The Transatlantic Slave Trade to Virginia in Comparative Historical Perspective, 1698–1778.**” In *Afro-Virginian History and Culture*, edited by John Saillant, 3–28. New York: Garland Publishing, 1999. F235 N4 A38 1999
In this chapter, Chambers provides an economic, demographic, and social analysis of the slave trade in Virginia.

Collins, Winfield H. *The Domestic Slave Trade of the Southern States*. New York: Broadway Publishing Company, 1904. E442 C71
This early study contains valuable references about the slave trade in Virginia.

Donnan, Elizabeth. *Documents Illustrative of the History of the Slave Trade to America*. Vol. 4, *The Border Colonies and the Southern Colonies*, “Virginia,” 49–234. Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1930–35. E441 D68
This volume includes a chapter with more than 80 acts, letters, petitions, proceedings, and orders pertaining to the trading of slaves in Virginia during the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries. Also included are detailed lists of ships that imported slaves into Virginia.

Klein, Herbert S. *The Middle Passage: Comparative Studies in the Atlantic Slave Trade*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1978. HT975 K55

Within this book is a chapter titled “Slaves and Shipping in 18th-Century Virginia” that details the Virginia slave trade.

Minchinton, Walter E, Celia King, and Peter Waite, eds. *Virginia Slave-Trade Statistics, 1698–1775*. Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1984. E445 V8 M56 1984

Minchinton, King, and Waite have greatly expanded the material first collected in Elizabeth Donnan’s *Documents Illustrative of the History of the Slave Trade to America*.

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Troutman, Phillip Davis. “**Slave Trade and Sentiment in Antebellum Virginia.**” PhD diss., University of Virginia, 2000. E445 V8 T76 2000

Westbury, Susan Alice. “**Colonial Virginia and the Atlantic Slave Trade.**” PhD diss., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1981. E445 V8 W52 1981a

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Lightner, David L. “**The Founders and the Interstate Slave Trade.**” *Journal of the Early Republic* 22 (Spring 2002): 25–51. E164 J68

MacMaster, Richard K. “**Arthur Lee’s ‘Address on Slavery’: An Aspect of Virginia’s Struggle to End the Slave Trade, 1765–1774.**” *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 80 (April 1972): 141–157. F221 V9

Murphy, Sharon Ann. “**Securing Human Property: Slavery, Life Insurance, and Industrialization in the Upper South.**” *Journal of the Early Republic* 25 (Winter 2005): 15–652. E164 J68

Riddell, William Renwick. “**Encouragement of the Slave-Trade.**” *The Journal of Negro History* 12 (January 1927): 22–32. E185.5 J86

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Walsh, Lorena S. "The Transatlantic Slave Trade and Colonial Chesapeake Slavery." *Magazine of History* 17 (April 2003): 11–16. D16.3 M33

Wax, Donald D. "Negro Import Duties in Colonial Virginia: A Study of British Commercial Policy and Local Public Policy." *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 79 (January 1971): 29–44. F221 V9

Westbury, Susan. "Slaves of Colonial Virginia: Where They Came From." *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser., 42 (April 1985): 228–237. F221 W71

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General

Berlin, Ira. *Generations of Captivity: A History of African-American Slaves*. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2003. E441 B47 2003

Berlin, Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, has written a study of 300 years of North American slavery that emphasizes the slave. It is an extension of his earlier award-winning study, *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America*.

Berlin, Ira. *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America*. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1998. E446 B49 1998

Winner of the Bancroft Prize, the Frederick Douglass Prize, the Owsley Prize, and the Rudwick Prize, this publication is an examination of slave societies in North America from the early seventeenth century through the American Revolution.

Davis, David Brion. *Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. E441 D2495 2006

Davis, Sterling Professor of History Emeritus at Yale University, offers a study of the major aspects of slavery that, while focusing on the United States, includes antecedents from ancient times and the workings of the slave system in Brazil and the Caribbean.

Fogel, Robert William, and Stanley L. Engerman. *Time on the Cross: The Economics of American Negro Slavery*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1974. E449 F65

Fogel, Robert William and Stanley L. Engerman. *Time on the Cross: Evidence and Methods, a Supplement*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1974. E449 F65 Suppl.

Fogel (a 1993 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences) and Engerman provide a cliometric analysis of the slave economy in America, and conclude that, among other features, slavery was a comparatively profitable enterprise.

Genovese, Eugene D. *Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1974. E443 G46

In this interpretative study of African American slavery, Genovese centers on the concept of paternalism as being critical in the relations between masters and slaves.

Gutman, Herbert G. *Slavery and the Numbers Game: A Critique of Time on the Cross*. Urbana, Ill.: University of Illinois Press, 1975. E449 F653 G87 1975

In this book, initially appearing as an extended critical review in the January 1975 *Journal of Negro History*, Gutman characterizes Fogel and Engerman's *Time on the Cross* as a "profoundly flawed work."

Jewett, Clayton E., and John O. Allen. *Slavery in the South: A State-by-State History*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2004. E441 J49 2004

This reference resource contains chapters about sixteen slave-owning states. Included are a timeline and appendices that contain the number of slaveholders in 1860 by state; the dates of admission to, secession from, and readmission to the Union; and economic statistics.

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Originally published in 1902, *A History of Slavery in Virginia* is a concise scholarly study that describes the major features of the institution at the state, national, and international levels.

Ely, Melvin Patrick. *Israel on the Appomattox: A Southern Experiment in Black Freedom from the 1790s through the Civil War*. New York: A. Knopf: Distributed by Random House, 2004. F232 P83 E49 2004

This work is the Bancroft Prize–winning history of the nineteenth-century free black settlement Israel Hill in Prince Edward County, Virginia.

French, Scot. *The Rebellious Slave: Nat Turner in American Memory*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2004. F232 S7 F74 2004
Scot has written a cultural study of Nat Turner's rebellion and "America's search for transcendent meaning in its troubled past."

Hadden, Sally E. *Slave Patrols: Law and Violence in Virginia and the Carolinas*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2001. E443 H33 2001

Using such sources as court records, eighteenth-century tithable lists, planters' papers, and slaves' testimonies, the author has provided an in-depth study of slave patrols and their legacy.

Levy, Andrew. *The First Emancipator: The Forgotten Story of Robert Carter, the Founding Father Who Freed His Slaves*. New York: Random House, 2005. F229 C34 L485 2005

Levy examines the story of Robert Carter III, grandson of Robert "King" Carter, and the Deed of Gift, a document signed on September 5, 1791, that freed almost 500 slaves.

Link, William A. *Roots of Secession: Slavery and Politics in Antebellum Virginia*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003. E445 V8 L56 2003

The author explores the connection of slavery, slaves, and politics in Virginia, and how that affected secession.

Meaders, Daniel, comp. *Advertisements for Runaway Slaves in Virginia, 1801–1820*. New York: Garland Publishers, 1997. E445 V8 A38 1997

This publication is a collection of newspaper advertisements from the *Alexandria Advertiser and Commercial Intelligencer*, the *Alexandria Daily Advertiser*, *Commercial and Political*, the *Alexandria Daily Gazette*, *Commercial and Political*, the *Alexandria Gazette Daily Advertiser*, and the *Richmond Enquirer*. Included are appendices with lists of the names of masters and slaves.

Morgan, Edmund S. *American Slavery, American Freedom: The Ordeal of Colonial Virginia*. New York: Norton, 1975. E445 V8 M67
Morgan's book is an examination and interpretation of the paradox of the existence of slavery alongside the idea of freedom in Virginia.

Parent, Anthony S. *Foul Means: The Formation of a Slave Society in Virginia, 1660–1740*. Williamsburg, Va.: Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, 2003. E445 V8 P37 2003

The author contends that the emerging politically influential social class of Virginia planters brought racial slavery to the colony.

Perdue, Charles L. Jr., Thomas E. Barden, and Robert K. Phillips, eds. *Weevils in the Wheat: Interviews with Virginia Ex-Slaves*. Charlottesville, Va.: University Press of Virginia, 1976. E444 W4

This book has recovered the remaining interviews originally conducted by the Virginia Writers' Project in 1936 of former Virginia slaves.

Ruggles, Jeffrey. *The Unboxing of Henry Brown*. Richmond: Library of Virginia, 2003. E450 R84 2003

Ruggles tells the story of the life of Henry "Box" Brown, the escaped Virginia slave who had a later career as an abolitionist speaker and stage performer.

Schwarz, Philip J. *Migrants Against Slavery: Virginians and the Nation*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2001. E445 V8 S38 2001

Schwarz describes those Virginians who migrated to the Midwest or North to leave behind the institution of slavery, whether as fugitive slaves, free blacks, or whites who no longer wanted to be associated with owning slaves.

Sidbury, James. *Ploughshares into Swords: Race, Rebellion, and Identity in Gabriel's Virginia, 1730–1810*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1997. F233.44 S53 1997

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The author presents an urban history of the city of Richmond and an examination of its slave system from the city's incorporation in 1782 to the end of the Civil War in 1865.

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This study focuses on the slaves of Carter's Grove plantation near Williamsburg, Virginia, and includes the history of the Burwell family's slaves who lived throughout the James-York peninsula during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Wiencek, Henry. *An Imperfect God: George Washington, His Slaves, and the Creation of America*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003. E312.17 W6 2003

Wiencek documents the changes in attitude of George Washington that led him to free his slaves.

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Winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished fiction by an American author, *The Known World* is a novel set in the fictitious Manchester County, Virginia, and concerns black former slaves as slave owners and their complex environment.

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Styron's controversial portrayal of Nat Turner's Southampton slave insurrection was awarded the 1968 Pulitzer Prize and the 1970 William Dean Howells Medal.

Clarke, John Henrik, ed. *William Styron's Nat Turner: Ten Black Writers Respond*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1968. PS3569 T9 C633

In this collection of essays, the contributors are critical of Styron's novel, particularly its historical and cultural accuracy.

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Internet Sites

Book of Negroes in "Black Loyalists: Our History, Our People." [electronic resource]

Library and Archives Canada, Electronic Collection

http://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/200/301/ic/can_digital_collections/blackloyalists/index.htm

The Book of Negroes is a record of approximately 3,000 African Americans who sided with the British during the American Revolution and boarded British ships headed to Nova Scotia. For compensation to their owners, George Washington required registration of runaway slaves' names, ages, appearances, previous owners, and places of residence when they boarded British ships. To see the full text on this site, click on "Documents" then on "Official Documents and Proclamations" and select "The Book of Negroes."

Geographies of Family and Market: Virginia's Domestic Slave Trade in the Nineteenth Century

Troutman, P. (1998, Spring). University of Virginia, Geospatial and Statistical Data Center

<http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/slavetrade/>

Virginia Runaways

Thomas Costa, University of Virginia's College at Wise

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/subjects/runaways/search.html>

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/etcbn/costa-browse?id>

Runaway slave advertisements from eighteenth-century Virginia newspapers.

The Practise of Slavery

Virtual Jamestown / Virginia Tech, the University of Virginia, and the Center for Digital History at the University of Virginia

<http://www.virtualjamestown.org/practise.html>

Selected Virginia records relating to slavery.

The Geography of Slavery in Virginia

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<http://www.vcdh.virginia.edu/gos/>

The Geography of Slavery in Virginia is a digital collection of advertisements for runaway and captured slaves and servants in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Virginia newspapers. The project presents full transcriptions and images of all runaway and captured ads for slaves and servants placed in Virginia newspapers from 1736 to 1790, and is in the process of compiling advertisements well into the nineteenth century. In addition, the project offers a number of other documents related to slaves, servants, and slaveholders, including court records, other newspaper notices, slaveholder correspondence, and assorted literature about slavery and indentured servitude.

***Genius of Liberty* Runaway Slave Advertisements: Research Tool for Loudoun County, Virginia, and Beyond**

Friends of the Thomas Balch Library

<http://www.balchfriends.org/Slaves/index.htm>

The Thomas Balch Library is a history and genealogy library owned and operated by the Town of Leesburg. Collections focus on Loudoun County, regional and Virginia history, genealogy, military history with special emphasis on the American Civil War, and ethnic history. It is designated as an Underground Railroad research site. For this project, digital images of advertisements are taken from a rare complete collection of the *Genius of Liberty* newspaper, a four-page weekly published in Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia from 1817–1843.

Slavery Era Insurance Policies Registry

Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation, Division of Insurance

<http://www.ins.state.il.us/Consumer/SlaveryReporting.nsf>

This registry is a database providing information about insurance policies issued for slaveholders by six companies: New York Life (Nautulis), ACE USA, Aetna, Penn Mutual, Providence Washington, and United States Life Insurance Company in New York City. While the database is primarily arranged under the slave's or slaveholder's name, searching can be done by entering a state's abbreviation (VA for Virginia).

Enslaving Virginia

Research Division of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

http://research.history.org/Historical_Research/Research_Themes/ThemeEnslave.cfm

The Research Division of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation has produced links to the following eight articles about slavery in Virginia:

- “‘Little Spots allow’d them’: Slave Garden Plots and Poultry Yards,” by Patricia A. Gibbs
- “The Newsworthy Somerset Case,” by Emma L. Powers
- “Slavery in John Blair’s Public and Personal Lives in 1751,” by Julie Richter
- “After 1723, Manumission Takes Careful Planning and Plenty of Savvy,” by Linda H. Rowe
- “The Burwells Move Their Slaves to the Southside,” by Julie Richter
- “New Findings about the Virginia Slave Trade,” by Lorena S. Walsh
- “A Biographical Sketch of Matthew Ashby,” by Emma L. Powers
- “A Portrait of York County Middling Planters and Their Slaves, 1760–1775,” by Kevin P. Kelly

Slave Narratives on the Internet

WPA Life Histories Collection (Virginia)

Library of Virginia

http://ajax.lva.lib.va.us/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas06&local_base=CLAS06

The Virginia Writers’ Project, formed under the Works Progress Administration in 1936, interviewed more than 300 ex-slaves. The Library of Virginia maintains a searchable index to more than 50 interviews with former slaves, and includes document images online.

American Slave Narratives: An Online Anthology

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<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~Hyper/wpa/wpahome.html>

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~hyper/wpa/index.html>

This is a group of slave narratives from the WPA Writer’s Project (several subjects are from Virginia) posted on the Web as a project for the American Hypertext Workshop at the University of Virginia, Summer 1996.

Thomas Jefferson on Slavery in *From Revolution to Reconstruction*

University of Groningen / Department of Humanities Computing

<http://www.let.rug.nl/~usa/P/tj3/writings/slavery.htm>

From Revolution to Reconstruction is a hypertext project on American history from the colonial period until modern times. This selection is taken from Jefferson's *Notes on the State of Virginia* (Boston, 1829).

From Slavery to Freedom: The African-American Pamphlet Collection, 1822–1909

American Memory / Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaphtml/aapchome.html>

American Memory is a Library of Congress program that provides free and open access through the Internet to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music that document the American experience. Materials presented, from the collections of the Library of Congress and other institutions, chronicle historical events, people, places, and ideas that continue to shape America.

From Slavery to Freedom: The African-American Pamphlet Collection, 1822–1909 presents 396 pamphlets from the Rare Book and Special Collections Division, published from 1822 through 1909, by African-American authors and others who wrote about slavery, African colonization, Emancipation, Reconstruction, and related topics. Some of the documents that have particular relevance to Virginia include:

- **“Speech of Thomas J. Randolph in the House of Delegates of Virginia, on the abolition of slavery.”**
American Memory / Library of Congress
[http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/rbaapcbib:@OR\(@field\(AUTHOR+@band\(Randolph,+Thomas+Jefferson,+1792-1875+\)\)+@field\(OTHER+@band\(Randolph,+Thomas+Jefferson,+1792-1875+\)\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/rbaapcbib:@OR(@field(AUTHOR+@band(Randolph,+Thomas+Jefferson,+1792-1875+))+@field(OTHER+@band(Randolph,+Thomas+Jefferson,+1792-1875+))))
- **“Narrative of Henry Watson, a fugitive slave.”**
American Memory / Library of Congress
[http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/rbaapc:@field\(DOCID+@lit\(rbaapc32910div0\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/rbaapc:@field(DOCID+@lit(rbaapc32910div0)))

Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936–1938

American Memory / Library of Congress

[http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/S?ammem/mesnbib:@field\(STATE+@od1\(Virginia\)\)](http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/S?ammem/mesnbib:@field(STATE+@od1(Virginia)))

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html>

Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936–1938 contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves.

Documenting the American South, North American Slave Narratives

University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

“North American Slave Narratives” collects books and articles that document the individual and collective story of African Americans struggling for freedom and human rights in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth centuries. This collection includes all the existing autobiographical narratives of fugitive and former slaves published as broadsides, pamphlets, or books in English up to 1920. Also included are many of the biographies of fugitive and former slaves and some significant fictionalized slave narratives published in English before 1920. Items related to Virginia include the following:

- **“Narrative of Henry Box Brown.”**
Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/boxbrown/menu.html>
- **“From Slave Cabin to the Pulpit. The Autobiography of Rev. Peter Randolph: the Southern Question Illustrated and Sketches of Slave Life.”**
Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/randolph/menu.html>
- **“The Confessions of Nat Turner, the Leader of the Late Insurrection in Southampton, Va.”**
Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/turner/menu.html>

- **“Africa for Christ. Twenty-Eight Years a Slave: Johnson, Thomas Lewis, b. 1836.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/johnsontl/johnsontl.html>

- **“Autobiography of James L. Smith, Including, Also, Reminiscences of Slave Life, Recollections of the War, Education of Freedmen, Causes of the Exodus, etc.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/smithj/smithj.html>

- **“Life of George Henry. Together with a Brief History of the Colored People in America.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/henryg/henryg.html>

- **“The Life of Rev. John Jasper, Pastor of Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., from His Birth to the Present Time, with His Theory on the Rotation of the Sun.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/jasper/jasper.html>

- **“A Narrative of the Life of Rev. Noah Davis, A Colored Man. Written By Himself, at the Age of Fifty-Four.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/davisn/davis.html>

- **“Remarks on the Subject of the Ownership of Slaves, Delivered by R. R. Collier of Petersburg, in the Senate of Virginia, October 12, 1863.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/impls/collier/collier.html>

- **“Sketches of Slave Life: Or, Illustrations of the ‘Peculiar Institution.’”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/randol55/randol55.html>

- **“Slave Life in Virginia and Kentucky; or, Fifty Years of Slavery in the Southern States of America.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/fedric/fedric.html>

- **“Horrors of the Virginian Slave Trade and of the Slave-Rearing Plantations. The True Story of Dinah, an Escaped Virginian Slave, Now in London, on Whose Body Are Eleven Scars Left by Tortures Which Were Inflicted by Her Master, Her Own Father. Together with Extracts from the Laws of Virginia, Showing That Against These Barbarities the Law Gives Not the Smallest Protection to the Slave, But the Reverse.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/simpson/simpson.html>

- **“The Narrative of Bethany Veney: A Slave Woman.”**
 Documenting the American South / University Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
<http://docsouth.unc.edu/veney/veney.html>

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